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In re application : MANFRED SCHAWALLER ET AL.
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 For : METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANCES
 USING THE EVANESCENCE FIELD METHOD
 Examiner : Christopher L. Chin
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006,
 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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